

Housing First for Individuals with Substance Use Disorders

Wednesday, July 12th, 2023

Start: 1:00 PM ET

End: 3:15 PM ET

Instructors: Khalil Martin, LSW & Andrew Spiers, LSW

This session will address special considerations for implementing Housing First services for individuals using substances, with particular emphasis on opioids. Attendees will explore the role opioids play in increased rates of unsheltered homelessness, note high risk transition points for individuals with opioid use disorder or polysubstance use disorder, and discuss harm reduction strategies used to keep participants safe in independent living settings. Presenters will provide suggestions for unique services offered to the SUD population, and partnerships to consider in your local community. The session will also cover common concerns and barriers to care, as well as creative solutions employed by Housing First teams to keep participants safe and successfully housed.

Course Delivery Format: Live webinar

Interactivity: This course will offer 15 minutes of Q&A time, as well as real-time polling, and group discussion prompts.

Social Work Practice Level: This course is appropriate for beginner, intermediate, and advanced BSW/ MSW learners.

Social Work Credit Hours Offered: 2 general CE credits*

Fees: \$20 general registration; additional \$5 for registration with social work CE credit.

Registration includes access to the live event and recording, PDF of slides, and relevant training tip sheets/resources.

Learning Objectives: When attendees return to the workplace, they will be able to:

- Describe what Housing First services look like for individuals with opioid use disorder and the unique challenges presented by opioid use
- Name three high-risk transition points for individuals with substance use disorders
- Identify three harm reduction strategies you can use with individuals using substances in independent living settings

Target Audience: Social service providers and helping professionals with direct client contact, Certified Peer Specialists, Certified Recovery Specialists, clinical supervisors, agency administrators, and others working at the intersection of homelessness and addiction services.

To register, please submit payment to: <https://bit.ly/housingfirstuniversity712>

Upon receipt of payment, attendees will receive a receipt via email with the link to finalize their course registration with Zoom. Information for accessing the live webinar will then be sent directly from Zoom.

Registration deadline: Individuals may register up until the start time of the event.

**Housing First University, a program of Pathways to Housing PA, can provide continuing education credits to licensed social workers in 48 of the 50 U.S. states and 10 Canadian provinces. Due to current regulations, CE credits cannot be offered to social workers in the states of New Jersey or New York. If you are not a Licensed Social Worker, please check with your board of accreditation to ensure this training meets your licensing needs.*

Course completion requirements: Attendees must attend the entirety of the virtual session with system video and audio enabled to participate and respond to all poll questions and activities. Certificates will be distributed to participants via email within two weeks of the course's conclusion. Attendees must complete a course evaluation within 48 hours via Google Forms to receive a certificate. Course evaluation links will be distributed during the session and via email immediately following the training. Individuals must attend the live webinar in order to receive a certificate of completion.

System requirements: Webinar participants must have access to a computer, tablet, or smartphone with high speed Internet, microphone, speakers, webcam, and a (free) Zoom video conferencing account.

Session Facilitators:



Khalil Martin, MSW, LSW (he/him), joined Pathways to Housing PA in 2021 and served in a clinical leadership role on an ACT team for individuals with Opioid Use Disorder before joining Housing First University as a Training Specialist in January 2023. Prior to this, Khalil worked as a Behavioral Health Therapist at runaway & homeless youth shelters throughout the tri-state area, as well as with Project HOME, where he assisted in the creation of the Gloria Casarez Residence—the first permanent supportive housing for LGBTQ+ young adults in Pennsylvania. Drawing from principles of feminist theory, Khalil uses a strength-based and person-centered approach to assist individuals in understanding and navigating various forms of oppression and how these systems impact one's personal and interpersonal experiences. Khalil received his Master's degree in clinical social work from The University of Pennsylvania.



Andrew Spiers, LSW (he/him) is the Director of Training and Technical Assistance at Pathways to Housing PA. Andrew first joined Pathways in early 2018 and served in a clinical leadership position before launching Housing First University in October 2019 to help empower others with best practices to end homelessness in their communities. Andrew holds a Master of Social Service from Bryn Mawr College's Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research, where he concentrated in Community Practice, Policy, & Advocacy. He has taught Human Services and Sociology courses as an adjunct professor at Harcum College and conducted trainings and workshops all over the country on Housing First, harm reduction, and affirming care for LGBTQ+ and transgender communities.

Schedule	
12:45-1:00 PM	Virtual training room opens
1:00-1:10 PM	Welcome, introductions, & check-in activity
1:10-1:40 PM	The intersection of substance use & homelessness; Our response
1:40-1:50 PM	Housing: Challenges & strategies
1:50-2:00 PM	Break
2:00-2:20 PM	Clinical: Challenges & strategies
2:20-2:40 PM	Harm reduction for Opioid use and overdose prevention
2:40-2:50 PM	Medical: Challenges & strategies
2:50-3:00 PM	Case studies
3:00-3:15 PM	Summary, closing remarks, Q&A

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ACE approval statement: Housing First University: a program of Pathways to Housing PA, provider #1759, is approved as an ACE provider to offer social work continuing education by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Approved Continuing Education (ACE) program. Regulatory boards are the final authority on courses accepted for continuing education credit. ACE provider approval period: 01/12/2022 – 01/12/2025. Social workers completing this course receive 2 general continuing education credits.

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